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CNMI cases breach 100



LIGHTING PROJECT

How many people does it take to replace a light bulb? In this case, the answer would be "four." The Office of Grants Management under administrator Epi Cabrera began the project to repair the lamp posts that stretch from Garapan Street to the Gov. Froilan Tenorio Beach Pathway. Photo shows workers replacing the lightbulb of a lamppost near the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. One of the workers said they've completed fixing the lights in Garapan and are now working on the lights along the Beach Road Pathway. They hope to finish before Thanksgiving this year.

Tina Sablan replaces Propst as House minority leader

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY LEGEND: Red: Least safe Orange

Source: Office of the Governor

REPORTER

Members of the House of Representatives minority bloc have unanimously elected Rep. Christina Sablan (D-Saipan) to be the minority leader, a position that was left vacant when

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Edwin K. Propst resigned January 2021. last Oct. 1.

Sablan

(Ind-Saipan), Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan), Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota), and Richard

Reps. Edmund Villagomez

Lizama (D-Saipan) chose Sablan to serve as minority leader for the remaining term of the 21st House. The 22nd Legislature will be sworn-in in

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By MARK RABAGO ASSOCIATE EDITOR

he CNMI marked a bleak milestone yesterday when the islands registered its 100th case of COVID-19 when two incoming passengers tested positive for the coronavirus.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. said the two were identified through travel screening and were confirmed diagnosis through testing upon arrival. As per protocol, the individuals have been safely in quarantine and were moved to the designated isolation area for close monitoring (the Kanoa Resort Alterna-

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Grants: Key to NMI's goal of diversifying its economy



FIESTA RESORT & SPA SAIPAN PHOTO

Tourists enjoy the sunset view in one of the beaches on Saipan before the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world. As the CNMI tourism industry continues to take a hit from the pandemic, federal grants are seen as great assistance to crisis recovery and flow of new investments to the islands.

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers sees the disaster and relief grants for the CNMI as key in achieving the islands' goal of having a stronger and more diversified economy.

"The recovery funding

we have worked hard to secure is a prime opportunity for us to diversify our economy with new industries and businesses beyond our tourism. Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and I are commit-

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AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, Nov. 9, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	5,113	120	5,233
Recovered	3,402	0	3,402
Active	1,604	120	1,724
Deaths	89	1	90
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested		71,311	

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
ositive	98	2	100
eaths	2	0	2
umulative Number If Persons Tested		22,633*	

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases. The community-based testing has been temporarily suspended.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Com-

Ada drops suit vs Torres, Atalig

>>> Dr. Ada drops case at instruction of **PSS** board

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Acting on the instruction of the Board of Education,



Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada voluntarily dropped yesterday the lawsuit that he and the Public

School System filed against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig that had sought to secure more funds for PSS.

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V-Lynn's BBQ opens a second location at the Kada Dia everyday market in Chalan Kanoa.

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With votes still being counted, turnout in the 2020 presidential election has hit a 50year high.

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LIFE & STYLE

Alex Trebek, who presided over the beloved auiz show "Jeopardy!" has died. He was 80.

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